

# Cordon and Search Operations

- Capture enemy or enemy sympathizers
- Apprehend criminals/terrorists
- Evacuate non-combatants
- Liberate hostages
- Predicated on good intelligence fixing the exact location of the target or objective.

Semi-permissive  
or  
Permissive  
environment

- Military Police operate in three elements; the security element, the support element and the assault element.

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# Three Elements

## Security

- Isolates the objective
- Provide access control
- Prevent reinforcement and collateral damage
- Provide early warning for the assault and support elements.

## Support

- Provide cover and overwatch for the assault element
- Respond to external threats/contact

## Assault

- Bulk of the Force
- Enters and conducts a systematic search of the isolated area to secure, liberate, or capture the target.

### SECURITY

- Size Is METT-T Dependent
- Isolate Objective
  - Access Control
  - Prevent Reinforcement
  - Prevent Collateral Damage
- Provide Early Warning
- Maintain Communication

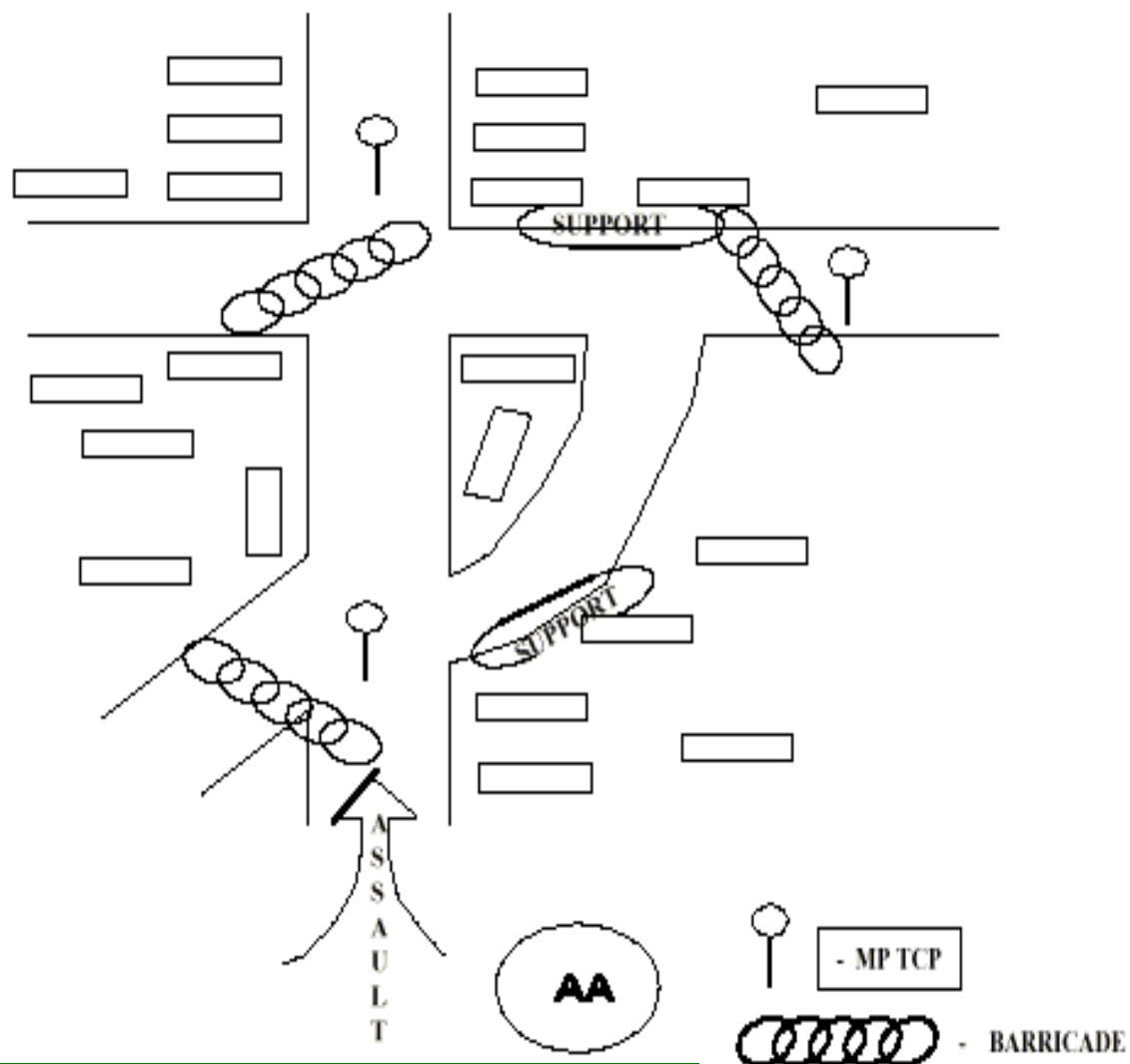
### SUPPORT

- Size And Weapons Mix is METT-T Dependent
- Provide Cover/Overwatch For Assault Element
- Maintain Communication
- Platoon Sergeant

### ASSAULT

- Bulk Of Force
- Conduct Systematic Search
- Maintain Communication
- Platoon Leader

## CONDUCT CORDON AND SEARCH



# **Additional Implied Tasks**

- **Direct the screening of family members.**
- **Pay particular attention to families and relatives of known insurgents.**
- **Seek information on the locations, movement, and identity of insurgents in the area.**
- **Segregate suspects.**
- **Escorting of suspects to the holding area and secure them for processing and questioning.**
- **Assist the host country police in interviews.**

QUESTIONS?